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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the amendments below be entered, and the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, for the reasons Applicants respectfully state at the Remarks section of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: The "REMARKS" section begins on page 9 of this paper.